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Serial No. 10/657,974	Filing Date September 8, 2003	Examiner N/A	Group Art Unit N/A
Inventor(s) Craig A. Steensma			
Title of Invention IMAGE ASSOCIATION PROCESS			

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- Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR § 1.27 has been established by verified statement previously submitted.
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
- Petition for a _____ month extension of time.
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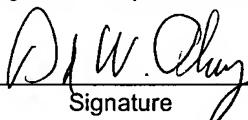
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In re Application of:

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record.

The references now cited are the following:

U.S. Patents

Number	Date	Name
4,573,083	02/25/1986	Shimizu
5,062,010	10/29/1991	Saito
5,892,509	04/06/1999	Jakobs et al.
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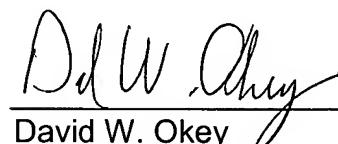
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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to the receipt of the first Official Action reflecting an examination on the merits and hence is believed to be timely filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b). No fees are believed to be due in connection with filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, however, should any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be deemed necessary for any reason relating to these material, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct said fees from Brinks

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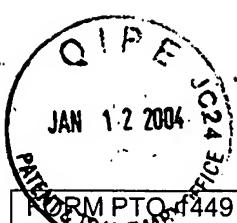
Applicant(s) respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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REFERENCE DESIGNATION **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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A1	4,573,083	02/25/1986	Shimizu		
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